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THE PRESIDENT'S OUTLOOK.

"A chapter of the Epworth League in every Methodist Episcopal Church of the First General Conference District," suggests opportunity as well as possibility. At present there are 625 chapters in this territory. Earnest, enthusiastic effort on the part of the Leaguers in New England can greatly add to the number this year. Talk about it. Pray over it and work for it.

"What is the trouble with your chapter?" was asked of a pastor in a prominent church in this section. "It needs spiritual life," was his suggestive answer. Let us not fall on that line, for abundant provision has been made, and we are powerless without it. A genuine revival in each of our chapters would be followed by a settlement of some perplexing questions in the way of our Methodism today. Make the revival thought prominent in all the conventions and conferences this fall and winter.

We are beginning to feel the influence of the brotherly inspiration of the Epworth League. In the conventions and local unions the young Methodists are realizing what their church fellowship means. It does us all good to look beyond our local horizon. What a church is ours! Have you some member of your League who turns up his nose at his denomination and is full of criticisms and suggestions? Take him to a wide-awake League convention. Introduce him to all the bright and attractive people. Get him right into the midst of the enthusiasm. Give him something to do of importance. One of two things will happen. He will recover from his censoriousness and realize that the most ungrateful office in all the world is that of a self-appointed critic. If this does not occur, his last resort will be to "fold his tent like the Arab and silently steal away."

Look out for ruts and formality. They have ruined institutions of older and stronger growth than your chapter. We need something besides respectability.

Do not be afraid of honest enthusiasm. If religious earnestness is its inspiration, it ought to be encouraged. We have too many young Methodists who are older than their grandfathers and more careful about certain proprieties than society sins. Be yourself and all of yourself. Brace up and do something and make your community feel that you intend to make your influence felt in the Christian church. See that your heart is right, and if sure that it beats do not be alarmed if sometimes your temperature rises and your heart seems to be flowing out at your eyes. Shouts and tears make a happy combination, and the Methodist Church that is shocked at either has forgotten its more glorious history.

At New Bedford recently a whole season was devoted to the department. The speakers all used the blackboard to illustrate in a condensed and interesting manner some of the most practical and helpful suggestions. It was a remarkable meeting, and these enterprising workers are to publish an outline of the papers presented. This pamphlet will be a valuable assistant to the chapters seeking to make the most of their departments. After all, information is one of the best and surest means of arousing enthusiasm. It is safe to go over ground that has been traversed before in other League gatherings, for it is only by "line upon line" that the best work is understood and carried out.

We are becoming accustomed to hearing the name "Secretary Schell." We think it would be encouraging to our honored brother if he could hear the kind words concerning him here in New England. God bless him! He already has a warm place in our hearts, and we can assure him of a warm welcome when he makes his appearance in our midst. We pledge him our loyalty, our prayers, and our support.

GEORGE S. BUTTERS.

Hotel Epworth at Chicago.

Many of our young people will read with interest the following editorial note from the *Northwestern*:

"The projectors of the Hotel Epworth have made a decided hit in their choice of location for that establishment. Situated within a few blocks of the entrance to the Fair grounds, their guests will have no occasion to worry about that most serious of issues—transportation to and from the Exposition. We have utmost faith in the enterprise of Chicago to furnish adequate facilities for transportation, but even under the most favorable conditions there will be a crowded car or boat for the weary sight-seer to look forward to, besides the loss of time. We understand that the promoters of this scheme propose to entertain in a plain but comfortable way, putting the price of accommodation within reach of the humblest, and insuring to every patron cleanliness of physical surroundings and a congenial social atmosphere. As the Fair headquarters of the Epworth League, it may be expected to bring together

the very cream of our young people, who will have no better or brighter reminder of the Exposition than the associations of this place. The incorporators are among the most responsible young business men of this section. The president and vice-president are members of the League General Board of Control, and the secretary a leader in district and Conference organizations. We only wish that all young people coming to the city at that time might have the opportunity of such a stopping place as this promises to be. Then the fears which naturally arise when youth is exposed to the temptations of metropolitan wickedness would be reduced to the minimum."

STRIVE WITH A PURPOSE.

Strive with an earnest purpose,
In every task to excel;
That which is worth the doing,
Is worth the doing well.

Where there's the will for winning
Surely the way will come;
That which is worth beginning
Is well worth being done.

Think that however humble
Tasks which around you lie,
Half-hearted work will ever
Yield but a poor reply.

Then let us strive with fervor,
Toil with whole-hearted zest;
That which is worth the doing
Is worth our very best.

—Mary L. Warner.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR BUSY WORKERS.

Dept. of Spiritual Work.

R. S. DOUGLASS,
First Vice-President.

OUR AIM. The development of Christian character.

Practical suggestions how to do this:

Bible—Private study; Public use.

Preaching—Visiting; Welcoming;

Personal attendance. Result, large congregations.

Class-meetings—Instructions for practical living.

Prayer-meetings—Cottage meetings;

Regular meetings; Special occasions;

Out-door meetings.

(1) Room: Clean; Well lighted;

Front seats filled.

(2) Testimonies: Pledged; Un-

pledged.

(3) Leaders: Changed often; Con-

secration only requisite; Selected; no

volunteers.

(4) Singing: Heartily; Praise serv-

ice; Chorus; Instruments.

(5) Shaking hands: Strangers; Con-

verts.

(6) Invitation at every service.

Christian Homes—Social equality;

No evil speaking.

N. B. These ideas will be given in

detail from time to time in this column.

Correspondence from every first vice-

president in New England will be cordially

welcomed, giving or seeking

help.

Plymouth, Mass.

Dept. of Mercy and Help.

ALTA C. WILLARD,
Second Vice-President.

Under this department comes the

distribution of flowers, and I would

offer the following suggestions that

have been tried in one League with

good results, and that perhaps may

aid others in this line of work: Let

the names and addresses of aged people

and invalids be given to members of

the League, and every month let a

bouquet of flowers or some fruit be

carried to each by a League member.

Call this the "invalid list," and to this

at the monthly conference or monthly

meeting add the names and addresses

of any other sick persons to whom a

call or a bouquet would be welcome.

With each bouquet let a card be at-

tached upon which may be a picture of

the church, with the name and number

of the League chapter, and some ap-

propriate text of Scripture. We have

found that the sick person treasures

the card long after the flowers have

faded. This card often appeals silently

to the sufferer and points to One who

is able to save. Breathe a silent prayer

that God's blessing may rest upon it,

and leave the results with Him who

says, "So shall my word be that goeth

forth out of my mouth: It shall not

return unto me void, but it shall ac-

complish that which I please, and it

shall prosper in the thing whereto I

sent it."

Manchester, N. H.

Dept. of Literary Work.

ALFRED S. ROE,
Third Vice-President.

With Whittier.

Every recurring December should

bring memories of the Quaker Poet.

their attention fully an hour, while "The Tent on the Beach," did the season permit, would absorb their time for a much longer period.

Worcester, Mass.

Dept. of Social Work.

MINNIE G. SPEARE,
Fourth Vice-President.

The poem by Owen Meredith entitled

"The Ten Virgins," can be made

very effective if well read and illus-

trated with tableaux. First arrange

the ten together, then the five wise, and

last, the five foolish virgins. The

girls should be draped in sheets and

arranged in expressive attitudes, and in

the first scene each should carry a

lighted lamp. These vestal lamps can

be made of card-board covered with

silver paper, with a tiny candle fast-

ened in the end. The second scene

may represent the "entering in"—a

wide door thrown open and a brilliant

red light falling on their eager faces

as they press forward with lighted

lamps. The last scene can be very

beautiful—the closed door, the de-

spairing attitudes and faces, the extin-

guished lamps. In the church or some

available place where there is an or-

gan, let the choir sing "Too Late,"

and the distant music will make the

scene most impressive.

Avoid having too elaborate and late

entertainments, especially where there

is no Junior League and the children

meet with the older Leaguers.

Newton Centre, Mass.

LEADING TO LITERATURE.

WARREN F. ADAMS.

IT is a truth which will require little

demonstration that the young peo-

ple of the League do not read suffi-

ciently, or to their substantial profit.

In the programs arranged for their

entertainments it is evident that the

lighter forms of what might be called

literary amusement prevail. There can

be no greater fallacy than the belief

that because a youth is "fond of read-

ing," he is, therefore, on the high road

to learning. The essential thing is, what

kind of reading is he or she fond of?

To keep one's head buried in the stories

of the day, though they be entirely

moral, is to make absolutely no pro-

gress in right thinking or in real knowl-

edge. We must have something which

quicken the pulse and makes the brain

quiver with active thought, and not

that which merely stirs the blood with

a false fire and a purely artificial but

exhausting stimulus. How, then, shall

we awaken the dormant faculties of

the young, how create a demand for

that which is profitable as well as en-

tertaining?

It is for this purpose that suggestions

are in order which may conduce to this

laudable end. The few thoughts in

this direction which I have to offer are

not specially original in themselves,

but may open the door to larger and

better ideas. While it is not the end

aimed at, by any means, it is something

that the young man or woman, or the

older one for that matter, desires to read

at all; and it is for the purpose of fan-

gling to a steady glow the flickering

and feeble desire for knowledge, that

these suggestions are offered.

It would seem to be a good plan,

after the League has transacted its us-

ual business at its regular meeting, to

resolve itself into a committee of five

for the whole for a half-hour, and having

for the first occasion selected a half-dozen

members or more, have each one of

this number rise and state briefly not

only what book he has read since the

previous meeting but also what single

article in any paper he has found espe-

cially noteworthy, giving the reasons for

such interest in each case. After these

six have stated the results of their own

observation and reading, let volunteers

What we want to do is to dispel the idea that young people who, by reading the frivolous literature of the day, dream themselves into an atmosphere which is as unreal as it is stifling, are really accomplishing anything in the way of self-culture. We want to widen their horizon, and make them some-what conscious of what a vast, rich territory lies unexplored about them. We desire them to know the comfort, the pleasure and the far-reaching influence such knowledge will give them, and we would implore them to grasp what is so easily within their reach.

OUR LEAGUE SCRAP-BOOK.

More Than We Mean.

There is a story of a minister who pleaded earnestly for foreign missions, that, when he asked for those who would volunteer to enter upon the work, his own daughter came forward promptly and offered herself. Taken by surprise, the father said, "O daughter, I did not mean you!" This only illustrates the fact that, in the fervor of exhortation, we may say more than we mean. At such a time, we do not say too much, but mean too little.

The Charm of Good Manners.

No one who has any appreciation of grace and beauty in nature or in art can fail to recognize the charm of fine manners in an individual. We rejoice in them as we do in a lovely sunset view, or a beautiful piece of architecture, or a fascinating poem, for their own sake and for what they express; but even beyond this they have another attraction in the magnetic power they exert upon all beholders in seeing them at ease, in sweeping away sadness, awkwardness, and restraint, and in stimulating them to the expression of whatever is best worth cherishing within them. It is undoubtedly true that the presence of fine manners, whether it be in the home or the social circle, in the workshop or the counting-room, in the visit of charity or the halls of legislation, has an immediate effect in reproducing itself, in diffusing happiness, in developing the faculties, and in eliciting the best that is in everybody.

Girls Who Make Poor Wives.

It is the worshiped daughter, who has been taught that her whims and wishes are supreme in a household, who makes marriage a failure all her life. She has had her way in things great and small; and when she desires dresses, pleasures or journeys which were beyond the family purse, she carried out the day with tears or sulks, or pining as a martyr. The parents sacrificed and suffered for her sake, hoping finally to see her well married. The average man is blind to the faults of a pretty girl. He thinks her little petish ways are mere girlish moods; but when she becomes his wife and reveals her selfish and cruel nature, he is grieved and hurt to think fate has been so unkind to him.

The Bright Side.

Cheerfulness can become a habit, and habits sometimes help us over hard places. A cheerful heart seeth cheerful things. A lady and a gentleman were in a timber yard situated by a dirty, foul-smelling river. The lady said: "How good the pine boards smell!" "Fine boards!" exclaimed the gentleman. "Just smell this foul river!" "No, thank you," the lady replied, "I prefer to smell the pine boards."

Browsing as Host.

In an article in *Temple Bar*, Mrs. Andrew Cross tells the following anecdote of Browning in illustration of his courtesy: "It appeared that on one occasion Mr. Browning's son had hired a room in a neighboring house in which to exhibit his pictures. In the temporary absence of the artist, Mr. Browning was called the honor, the room being filled with his pictures. Mr. Browning was standing near the door when a visitor, unannounced, made her appearance; he immediately shook hands with the stranger, and tried to do so, when she exclaimed: 'Oh, I beg your pardon, but please, sir, I'm the cook. Mr. Barrett asked me to come and see his pictures.' And I am very glad to see you," said Mr. Browning, with ready courtesy. "Take my arm, and I will show you round."

"Young Man, You Will Do."

A young man was recently graduated from a scientific school. His home had been a religious one. He had been a member of a Christian church, had pious parents, brothers and sisters; his family was one in Christ. On graduating he determined upon a Western life among the mines. Full of courage and hope, he started out on his long journey to strike out for himself in a new world. The home prayers followed him. As he went he fell into company with older men. They liked him for his frank manners and his manly independence. As they journeyed together they stopped for a Sabbath on a border town. On the morning of the Sabbath one of his fellow-travelers said to him: "Come, let us be off for a drive and see the sights."

"No," said the young man, "I am going to church. I have been brought up to keep the Sabbath, and I have promised my mother to keep on in that way."

His road acquaintance looked at him for a moment, and then, slapping him on the shoulder, said: "Right, my boy! I began in that way. I wish I had kept on. Young man, you will do. Stick to your bringing up and your mother's words, and you will win."

The boy went to church, all honor to him, in that far-away place and among such men. His companions had their drive, but the boy gained their confidence and won their respect by his manly avowal of sacred obligations. Already success is smiling upon the young man. There is no lack of places for him.

Dust on the Knees.

A minister leaving a house where he had been praying, noticed dust on his knees. He brushed it away; but it was not to be brushed off. A man seeking work at a place of business was summarily refused as he could produce no credentials or recommendations. As he sadly left the place one of the proprietors noticed dust on his knees. He inquired the cause of it, and the man confessed that before he started out in search of work he had gone before God on his knees.

asking that His guiding and directing hand might be upon him. The proprietor was not a religious man, but he remembered that he had once had an employee who was accustomed to have dust on his knees. He decided to hire the stranger without further credentials, and found him through many years a faithful servant.

When a man comes from his chamber in the morning with dust on his knees, when a man leaves his vestry for his pulpit with the same mark, it is nothing to be ashamed of. It is a mark of power, it is a sign of high privilege, the privilege of going to the throne of grace; it is a mark of faithful service. It is a token that he who bears it has access to One who is higher than the highest, and mightier than the mightiest.

Beauty Out of Ugliness.

A lady who, in her girlhood, was discouraged by her lack of beauty, but lived to become a leader of society, with hosts of sincere and loving friends, told the following story of the incident which gave her hope and inspired her to usefulness: "If I have been able to accomplish anything in life, it is due to the words spoken to me in the right season, when I was a child, by an old teacher. I was the only homely, awkward girl in a class of exceptionally pretty ones, and being also dull at my books, became the butt of the school. I fell into a morose, despairing state, gave up study, withdrew into myself, and grew daily more bitter and vindictive. One day the French teacher, a gray-haired old woman, with kind eyes and a kind smile, found me crying. 'What is the matter, my child?' she asked. 'O madame, I am so ugly!' I sobbed out. She soothed me, but did not contradict me. Presently, she took me to her room, and after amusing me for some time, said, 'I have a present for you,' handing me a seamy, coarse lamp covered with earth. 'It is round and brown as you are,' she said. 'Very well. We will call it by your name, then. It is you! Now, you shall plant it, and water it, and give it sun for a week or two.' I planted it and watched it carefully; the green leaves came first, and at last the

FRESH FROM THE FIELD.

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We grant that we have seen some second time; but that does not discourage, for we remember that there were ten cleansed, but only one returned praising God. So these who come again, we know are not the same as the first. One of the brightest conversions is that of a Portuguese young man, and while he cannot talk English very well, he understands it. Since his conversion he has purchased Bibles in Portuguese, tracts, etc., to scatter among his own nationality. And we are sure of a large number of Portuguese converts from Catholicism are being saved. Does the Gospel Wagon pay? Yes, a thousand times! The Gospel Wagon reaches people that they will not come into the church, the church must take the glad tidings of great joy to them, that all the world may be brought to the feet of Him who gave Himself for us.

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The Conferences.

N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.
New Bedford District.
Osterville.—October 30 was observed as Old Folks' day, the pastor preaching from the text, "The hearty head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." The old times of our grandfathers were sung heartily by choir and congregation. By special effort several people were present who do not often have the privilege of worshipping with God's people. The next evening the church was occupied by the Y. P. S. C. E., composed of the young people of the Baptist and Methodist churches. Members of the societies in Cuttish and Barnstable, with their pastors, were present to assist in the rally. The topic for the evening was: "The First Christians: What do they Teach Us?" A social gathering in the vestry, with a simple lunch, closed the evening. Six conversions have occurred since this charge since Conference, and the outlook is hopeful.

Portsmouth Mission, New Bedford.—Prof. Geo. B. Nind and wife reached New Bedford Nov. 17, and immediately entered upon their work. They have just arrived from Pernambuco, Brazil, where Prof. Nind has been working for the past ten years. His familiarity with the language enables him to do effective work from the start, and his experience in working among Roman Catholics will be of great value to him here.

Quincy Street, Fall River.—Rev. F. L. Brooks, the pastor, is full of life. Since Conference, an Epworth League has been formed, which already numbers 117 members. The official board recently voted to enlarge and improve the church edifice at an estimated expense of about \$2,000, and approved of the plans and detailed drawings prepared by the pastor. This church was organized Sept. 28, 1870, and its 22nd anniversary was celebrated with appropriate services beginning Sunday, Sept. 25, and closing Sunday, Oct. 2. The program included sermons by Revs. Warren A. Lues of First Church, A. J. Conitas of St. Paul's Church, J. G. Gammons of Brayton Church, R. D. Dyson of Sumner's Church, an address before the Epworth League by R. F. Raymond, etc.; a Sunday-school concert, and an address by the presiding elder, Rev. Walter Ellis, followed by the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A handsome souvenir published in connection with these services is full of valuable facts, and is adorned with pictures of the presiding elder, Sunday-school Supt. Wm. J. Warring, and the pastors who have served the church. The present membership of the church is 176. Its pastors have been Wm. Lurvey, C. W. Warren, S. M. Beal, Richard Povey, E. D. Hall, Henry H. Martin, James H. Nutting, John C. Gowan, John D. King, Geo. M. Hamlin, B. K. Bosworth, and F. L. Brooks.

Plymouth.—Nov. 9, the sacrament of baptism was administered to one person, 5 were received on probation, 1 into full connection, and 3 by certificate. Several recent conversions are reported.

St. Paul's Church, Fall River. celebrated its 40th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 13. In the morning the pastor, Rev. A. J. Conitas, preached from 1 Chron. 29: 1: "For the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God." A powerful and practical sermon if one may judge from the outline published in the local papers. In the afternoon a reunion service was held. Rev. Walter Ellis led the opening devotional service, and the pastor delivered an address of welcome. Iram N. Smith read a very interesting and valuable historical record. "Greetings from former pastors" were read by M. J. Talbot, D. D. A. J. Marble presented a "Retrospective View;" Hon. William S. Greene discussed "Our Sunday-school;" and Dr. J. Thompson presented a "Present View." The music was an attractive feature of this most interesting service. Of special interest were the solo, "Jesus, Lover of my soul," by Miss Lucy Sanford, the chorus singing of the children of the primary department of the Sunday-school, and the singing by the congregation of a hymn written for the occasion by Mrs. Clara J. Manroe, beginning, "O church of our choice, thou bride of our King!" In the evening there was an impressive musical service, followed by a love-feast. The choir of about thirty voices is A. J. Marble. The soloists for the evening were Lucy J. Sanford, Annie E. Creighton and Susie M. Allen. J. C. Anthony led the orchestra. The anniversary services were largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The church has had eighteen pastors during these forty years, as follows: Ralph W. Allen, John Hobart, Micah J. Talbot, Samuel C. Brown, John B. Gould, J. M. Chapman, Alfred A. Wright, George A. Bowler, F. J. Wagner, Emory J. Haynes, Geo. E. Reed, Geo. W. Woodruff, H. H. Rust, C. W. Gallagher, E. M. Taylor, H. D. Kimball, J. C. Hull, J. M. Williams and A. J. Conitas. Of the ex-pastors of this church only one—Micah J. Talbot—is now a member of the New England Southern Conference.

Central Church, Taunton. is having most cheering evidence of a deep work of grace. A few Sabbaths ago 7 were admitted to membership by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Kingsley. Quite a revival interest is manifest, and souls are seeking the Lord and finding Him. The Epworth League is getting on to high spiritual ground. The meetings are largely attended and well sustained. All of the departments are in active, efficient work.

Providence District.
East Providence, Haven Church.—The pastor, Rev. L. G. Horton, on Sabbath evenings during the month of October gave a series of addresses on "Current Sayings and their Fallacies." The congregations were very large to listen to these addresses, which were reported at length in Providence papers. An interesting list of topics for November are arranged and distributed among the people.

East Braintree.—The pastor, Rev. M. W. Reese, has held some extra services with great profit to the church, 20 having been received on probation.

Attitash.—The "Corinthian Religious Mutual Self-Administration Society" was the subject of Rev. R. Povey's address on a recent Sunday morning. In the evening Rev. A. McCord, a former pastor of the church, preached. He is at present a Congregational minister in Connecticut.

South Braintree.—This church is having an unusually prosperous year. The finances are in the best condition for years. The pastor, Rev. G. A. Sisson, and wife are rejoicing over a new-comer to their home, bringing joy and gladness to their hearts.

Harris Avenue, Providence.—The people of this church some time ago reached the conclusion that some location other than the present would be better for the society, owing to the fact that the present building is situated on a street at a considerable distance from the main thoroughfare, away from the majority of the people, overshadowed by a large lumber yard, and very near a railroad, the trains of which disturb more or less every meeting. Besides, larger and better accommodations were necessary in order to retain what they had and be of any use at all to the community, which is constantly growing. In looking about for a better location it was found that the only available place was Dyer's Opera House, situated on the square, in the midst of this ever-growing population. Arrangements were at once made for the possession of the property on the first day of January. It includes, with the house and land, five offices and stores, the income from these rentable parts amounting to about \$1,500 per annum. All is heated by steam, the apparatus being in the best of order. The church part will seat about 1,000 persons, and is in good repair. The cost of the property is \$32,000. The building and land now owned by the church is worth \$6,000. The members and congregation have given nobly, and outside subscriptions have been received, but more money is needed. The work is for the advancement of Christ's cause, and appeal is made to each reader "In His Name." There is no place, north, south, east or west, where money can be used to better advantage than in this enterprise. With this piece of property secured, and a little judicious management, in a short time this new small church can be made one of the strongest in the Conference. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Root, will gladly answer any question in reference to the work.

Norwich District.
Norwich, East Main St.—At the close of a recent Sunday morning service the pastor, Rev. J. H. Allen, presented the claims of the American University, and received 40 one-dollar subscriptions for the Lincoln Memorial Hall, one of the contemplated buildings for which only one-dollar subscriptions are received. Oct. 30 was observed as Old Folks' day. An elaborate musical program; a sermon by the pastor on "The Triumphs of Old Age," which the *Norwich Bulletin* says, it "was a model for chaste language and beautiful thoughts;" and the distribution to the aged of souvenir booklets, furnished by Mr. Costello Lippitt, were the chief features of this most interesting service. Several of those present were over 80 years of age, and two were past 90. The collection for superannuated preachers was very appropriately taken in connection with this service. Nov. 6, 6 persons were received into full membership.

Norwich, East Main St.—The pastor, Rev. J. F. Shufeldt, is making his home, temporarily, at North Wintham, for the benefit of his health. He still supplies the pulpit here, and reports attentive congregations and a hopeful outlook. He also received 6 probationers into full membership and 1 person by letter on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Central.—This church observed Oct. 30 as Old People's day. Rev. O. W. Scott preached on "The Voyage of Life," from

Psalm 107:30: "So he brought them unto their desired haven." Souvenir cards were distributed, and the services were eloquent, spiritual and profitable. Two persons were received on probation, and an infant baptized, at the last communion.

Pascoy.—Rev. L. B. Coddling and his people are rejoicing in revival interest. Special services have been held the past two weeks, and still continue, with good results. Rev. John Oldham and Rev. H. D. Robinson have preached helpful sermons. On Sunday, Nov. 6, 12 were received on probation, 1 into full membership, and by letter.

East Thompson.—Rev. Joseph Jackson, pastor, two weeks of revival services recently held resulted in great spiritual blessing to the church and some thorough conversions. Mrs. Jennie Macfarlane, a successful evangelist, assisted the pastor. Her wisdom and consecration to the work gave excellent satisfaction. Sister M. L. Williams was also present and rendered good service in the meetings.

Moodus.—The pastor, Rev. Wilbur C. Newell, has fully regained his health. He reports, "Never felt better, or capable of doing more work than now." Large congregations and good interest toward the faithful efforts of pastor and people. The society are making some needed repairs on the parsonage at an outlay of some \$75.

Waterville.—Rev. James T. Dooking, Ph.D., pastor. An excellent course of lectures and entertainments, under the auspices of the Epworth League, is affording instruction and profitable amusement to both young and old. The names of the lecturers are a sufficient guarantee of the high quality of these entertainments: Prof. W. F. Wentworth, of Boston; G. W. Panniman, of St. Paul, Minn.; D. J. W. Yates, A. M.; J. W. Webb, D. D.; and the pastor, Mr. Dooking. The *Waterville Daily Tribune* speaks of Sunday, Nov. 6, as "one of the most memorable days in the history of the church." The pastor received 20 persons to full membership—ten of whom were young men—and 7 were baptized. A very large number partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

Portland District.
Notice! The last circular sent to the pastors has these words underlined: "Adding any further items of interest." This is designed to give variety and invite any church news.

Congress Street.—The field is the world, and an important part of the world are the children, and this church is fortunate in having a weekly meeting for the conversion and instruction of children, under the supervision of a consecrated young lady. The offering taken in this church Nov. 6 pays all salaries to date, and current expenses and back bills, and gives them a clean sheet. This, with 27 received into the church, is a good summer's work.

At South Portland Nov. 6 was a good day. Six persons were baptized, and 7 received in full. Religious interest is increasing, as is also attendance upon the preaching service, prayer-meetings and Sabbath school. On the church debt \$500 has been paid, and they are pushing to double this sum. They have placed a new furnace under the lecture-room and made repairs to the amount of \$225. The Epworth League has completed a course of lectures, and is moving on the right line of progress financial and spiritual. The King's Daughters are on the alert in the vanguard.

Pine Street.—The people are rallying with courage. The congregation is increasing, and the people are engaging seats. The other services, Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting are moving forward to keep in step. The Epworth League has made a plan to supplement the pastoral work. We will report the result further.

West End has treated herself to a course of lectures. Pastor and people are watchful of all the interests of the church. Portland Methodist is not marking time, but marching, this year.

Kid has already taken eight collections, though some are not completed. They have a good chance now to move up in the missionary column this year, and we shall look with interest for the higher mark of this enterprising church. Their Epworthians—110, a military company and ten to spare—help in all departments of work.

That Junior League at Cornish may be reported as the biggest boy on the territory, who by natural growth has broken the age limit into splinters, and will soon compel an Epworth League by selling room to accommodate his hunger. How soon the church would have an army by enlisting the children!

At West Kennebunk the congregation is good, and the pastor's claim is paid to date. The associate members of the League are helpful in the different departments of work. It is a praiseworthy act for those who are not pronounced Christians to go as far as they can, and repeat and read the Word of God. We wait and pray for the hour when many such may become consecrated disciples.

Kennebunk.—The pastor has taken five collections, all of which are in excess of the appointments. The Sabbath school moves off with vigor from the start, and it is quite a privilege to have instruction from the store house of the preacher's mind. The school has recently provided new singing books.

Norfolk has reported to the district president the organization of an Epworth League consisting of 23 active members. The officers named in the usual order are: G. F. Millward, Arthur Wadsworth, Willie Wood, John Hawker, Cora Libby, Annie Quint, George Harding. We expect good things from this new society of a young and vigorous church. The workers are gladdened by a few entering into the marvelous light. They are looking for results by the regular means and are planning for some which are special.

At Biddeford nine persons have signified their purpose to lead a Christian life by a personal consecration of themselves to God. Several of the brethren, Bryant, Tibbets, Mayo, and others, do outside aggressive work. The Junior League are taking a regular course of studies in the life of Christ, and are becoming so familiar with it that their lessons will be of great value to them in coming years.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

Bangor District.
Bangor, First Church.—The tide rises. On Sunday, Nov. 6, 5 were baptized, 2 received on probation, and 18 into the church. The Sunday-school is the largest in its history. Nine new subscribers for *Zion's Herald* are reported. Bro. M. P. C. Withers, we are happy to say, has so far recovered his health as to be able to attend church.

Bangor, Grace Church.—At the last two communion services 18 were received into the church, 2 were baptized, and 6 were received on probation. Nearly every week souls are

converted in the regular social meetings. Large congregations attend the preaching services. A boy-choir has been organized and is being trained by Dr. Winslow.

Cornell and Lewist.—The outlook for this field is brightening. Bro. Higgins has a large place in the hearts of the people. He is laboring for results, and we believe God will crown his efforts with success.

Dover.—On Oct. 2, 5 were baptized and 7 received into the church. Bro. Pratt enters upon his work with renewed vigor after his well-earned vacation in the wilds of northern Maine.

Dexter.—Bro. White, with ten pounds of accumulated avoidpuls as the result of his outing, takes up his pen as editor and his sword as preacher, and wields each with keen precision than before. Fourteen have been added to the church. Several new subscribers for *Zion's Herald* have been secured. The congregations are large and growing both at the preaching and social services.

Guilford and Sanguerville.—Two have been baptized at Guilford recently, and large congregations greet the pastor every Sabbath morning. At Sanguerville a new church is anticipated, which means "good-bye" to one more spiritual refugee in the name of a "union church."

Harland and St. Albans.—The work at Harland is in a flourishing condition. Four have been baptized and 12 received into the church.

Ripley.—Bro. Hamilton has been holding extra meetings here with some encouragement. The church has taken advanced ground, and two have been converted.

Orono.—A Sabbath in the early autumn was observed as Old People's day. The members of the Epworth League took a lively interest in the matter, sending out carriages for the aged folks, who, upon entering the house of worship, were each presented with a bouquet of flowers with a card attached upon which was printed an appropriate Scripture motto. Bro. Morgan preached a fitting sermon for the occasion. About thirty aged persons were present at the service, which was richly enjoyed. At the last quarterly meeting 4 were baptized and 6 received into the church. On Sunday afternoon the pastor meets his Junior League, numbering 40 or more, and with Bible, blackboard and chalk, holds a delightful and profitable service. Bro. Morgan is a skillful class-talker.

Howland.—Bro. Price has been at work here in connection with *Alton and Argyle*, and as a result a new M. E. church has been erected and is finished on the outside. A large pulp mill has been built here within two years, and now there are indications that a large paper mill will be erected in connection with it; and if this comes to pass Howland is destined to be a smart village. Much credit is due the Howland Falls Pulp Co. for their personal kindness to Bro. Price and also for their interest in the new church enterprise and the material aid rendered in its erection.

Moscow.—Rev. S. L. Gardiner, of the N. E. Conference, came to Moscow in the summer and held a ten days' meeting, which resulted in a revival among the Swedes. In October he came for a second visit, and on the 22d day of the month a church of 37 members was organized. Out of this number there are nearly twenty young men. There are about five hundred Swedes in the town, and the chances are favorable that there will be a strong church here in the near future. The sum of \$300 has been pledged toward a new church, and a lot of land well located has been promised. Miss Augusta Anderson, from the Daughters Home in Boston, is doing missionary work here with much acceptability.

Lincoln.—Bro. Nutter has been holding extra meetings at North Lincoln, and reports nine conversions among the young people.

Rockland District.
Rockport.—Wednesday, Nov. 9, an Epworth League "union" was held in this church. Several of the neighboring Leagues sent delegations in the afternoon. Dr. Piper, president of the Rockport League, presided. The music was inspiring. Papers were presented on various topics: by Rev. C. C. Pheasant on "Leadership;" by H. C. Day, entitled "Look Up;" by Miss Freeman, "Lift Up;" by Miss Crawford, "The Christian's Duty of Self-culture;" Mrs. D. A. Packard, "Social Work;" Miss Crandon, "Correspondence;" and by J. B. Williamson on "Finance." Large numbers attended the sessions afternoon and evening. A banquet supper was served in the vestry at 5:30 o'clock, and in the evening a praise service was led by L. S. Robinson, after which an address was delivered on the "Needs of the Epworth League," by the pastor from Rockland. The occasion was one of profit to all, and the society at Rockport showed that it knew how to entertain visitors royally.

Camden.—The Leaguers from Camden had hardly fallen into slumber after returning from the Rockport meeting before the town was aroused by the cry of fire. A severe gale was blowing, and the fire spread rapidly. The fire started some distance from our church property, but in less than an hour it was evident that it must strike in the flames. Some of the furnishings were hastily removed, and church and chapel were quickly consumed. The entire business portion of the town was destroyed, together with some fine residences. There was an insurance of \$2,000 on the church, and \$1,000 on the chapel. Of course this does not cover but a small part of the loss. But there is a vigor and unity in Camden, and with the help that will be given them from the churches, a new and better church will be erected, and the society will take on new life from its severer trial. Bro. Pheasant is the right man to lead to victory.

Thomaston.—The Epworth League gave the church a reception on the evening of the 9th. There was a supper, music, remarks and a social hour. When such a spirit is in a church there is no occasion to call one part

"the young folks" and another "the old folks," for all are one. Sunday, the 13th, Rev. O. A. Southard is to begin his labors with this church and is to remain with them until the Annual Conference.

Rockland.—Bro. and Sister Thomas Hawkins, formerly of Salem, have removed to Rockland, Bro. Hawkins having charge of the electric lighting of Rockland, Rockport and Camden. They united with our church by certificate last Sunday. So many of our members leave us for other parts of the country, that it gives the church a peculiar joy to receive from Massachusetts two such valuable members as Bro. and Sister Hawkins.

North Waldoboro.—The church is struggling along, raising money for repairs and keeping up the various meetings. These little outposts of the church are of great importance, for often some who are the best and most useful members of our large churches found Christ in these quiet retreats.

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MOTTOES.

Look Up. Lift Up.

"I desire a league offensive and defensive with every soldier of Jesus Christ." — John Wesley.
 "We live to make our church a power in the land, while we live to love every other church that calls on Christ." — Bishop Simpson.

THE RESTLESS SOUL.

Cease, struggling soul, to beat against thy prison!
 Its walls shut out no wonders; calm thy fears—
 The glittering banners that the world bedizen
 Are but to hide its sorrows and its tears.
 'Tis God hath placed thee here; why shouldst thou
 languish?
 His love is set upon thee; why repine?
 Why spend thy days in idleness and anguish?
 He knoweth what is best for thee and thine.
 See, fretful soul, thy duty is beside thee.
 Rise, do it meekly. Lo! the next appears.
 Thus cometh lasting peace, white as the bed of thee!
 Fast lie thy doubts; away with foolish fears!
 Look, now, dear soul! Is this thy gloomy prison?
 Gone are the banners that thou wast wonted—
 Dimmed by the Sun of Righteousness arisen—
 But lo! thy prison walls are glorified!

THE TONE OF VOICE.

It is not so much what you say,
 As the manner in which you say it;
 It is not so much the language you use,
 As the tones in which you convey it.
 "Come here!" I sharply said,
 And the baby weened and wept;
 "Come here!" I cooed, and he looked and smiled,
 And straight to my lap he crept.
 The words may be mild and fair,
 And the tones may pierce like a dart;
 The words may be soft as the summer air,
 And the tones may break the heart.
 For words but come from the mind,
 And grow by study and art;
 But the tones leap forth from the inner self,
 And reveal the state of the heart.
 Whether you know it or not—
 Whether you mean or care—
 Gentleness, kindness, love, and hate,
 Envy and anger are there.
 Then would you quarrel avoid
 And in peace love and truth impart,
 Keep anger not only out of your words,
 But keep it out of your voice.

THOUGHTS FOR THE THOUGHTFUL.

In Thy book, O Lord, are written all those
 that do what they can, though they cannot
 do what they would. — *Saint Augustine.*

Those who are gone you have. Those who de-
 parted loving you love you still; and you love
 them always. They are not really gone—
 their dear hearts and true—they are only
 gone into the next room; and you will pre-
 sently get up and follow them, and yonder door
 will be closed upon you, and you will be no
 more seen. — *William Makepeace Thackeray.*

We are only called upon to live by the mo-
 ment. Christ does not bid us bear the bur-
 den of tomorrow, or next week, or next
 year. Every day we are to come to Him in
 simple faith and obedience, asking help to
 keep us, and aid us through that day's work;
 and tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,
 through years of long tomorrows, it will be
 the same thing to do; leaving the future al-
 ways in God's hands, sure that He can care
 for it better than we. Blessed trust! that
 can thus confidently say, "This hour is mine,
 with its present duty; the next is God's, and
 when it comes, Christ's presence will come
 with it." This is the rest of faith, whose
 heavenly calmness is not stormy disquiet. — *Se-
 lected.*

It is so sweet to live,
 My little life today,
 That I would never leave it if
 I might forever stay,
 I sometimes say.
 I am so weary, Lord,
 I would lie down and sleep,
 Could I but hear Thee speak the word,
 "Thy sins are washed away,"
 I sometimes say.
 The better mood that lies
 Between the midday,
 Comes softly, and I lift mine eyes:
 "Lord, as Thou wilt!" I pray;
 And would always.

There is need of preparation. The life
 must be holy that Christ will employ.
 The vessel must be clean that the King will use.
 The heart must be broken through which
 God's love may flow. Some one gives a con-
 secration prayer: "Lord, take me, break me,
 make me!" and tells the story of a golden
 cup which had been made out of old gold
 coins. These had lost the image and super-
 scription original with them, and were thrown
 into a melting-pot and wrought into a
 beautiful cup. So oftentimes a human life
 has lost its beauty; and then the Master takes
 it, breaks it, and makes it over again in form
 of beauty. Then the King will use it. — *J. R.
 Miller, D. D.*

The man who is climbing the Alps has but
 to follow his guide and set his foot in the
 right spot before him. This is the way you
 and I must let Christ lead, and have Him so
 close to us also that it will be but a short way
 to behold Him. Sometimes young Christians
 say to me: "I am afraid to make a public
 confession of Christ; I may not hold out."
 They have nothing to do with holding out;
 it is simply their duty to hold on. When
 future trials and perils come, their Master
 will give them help for the hour, if they only
 make sure they are His. The short view they
 need to take is a close, clear view of their
 own spiritual wants, and a distinct view of
 Jesus as ever at hand to meet those wants.
 If the fishermen of Galilee had worried them-
 selves over the hardships they were to en-
 counter, they might have been frightened out
 of their apostleship and their eternal crowns.
 — *THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D., in "Stirring
 the Eagle's Nest."*

There will come times when you are tempt-
 ed to great sin which will appear to you al-
 together safe from discovery and not likely
 to inflict the slightest injury on your for-
 tunes. In such circumstances nothing will
 sustain you if you do not respect your own
 nature and stand in awe of your own con-
 science. Nay, even this is not enough; the
 only effective defense is that of one who was
 sorely tempted in this very way. "How can
 I do this great wickedness and sin against
 God?" There are secret battles fought and
 victories won on this ground, never heard of
 on earth, but essentially more glorious than
 many victories which are trumpeted far and
 wide by the breath of fame. There is more
 of courage and manhood needed for them
 than for "sinking up to the cannon's mouth."
 Walking up to the cannon's mouth is a
 soldier's duty; but that who could not say "No"
 to two or three companions pressing him to
 enter the canteen. Not long ago I was speak-
 ing to a soldier who told me that many a time
 in the barracks he was the only man to go
 down on his knees out of twenty or thirty;

and he did it among showers of oaths and de-
 dition. Do you think walking up to the can-
 non's mouth would have been difficult to that
 man? Such victories have no record on earth;
 but be sure of this, they are widely heard of
 in heaven, and there is One there who will
 not forget them. — *Rev. James Stalker, D. D.*

HOW WE CHANGED OUR MINDS.

JULIA S. LAWRENCE.

It has always been one of the rules of my
 life not to talk much about myself in pub-
 lic, nor to be always quoting what my pub-
 lic says; for I have observed, during the
 sixty years more or less I have lived, that
 while self is a favorite topic of conversation
 with the majority of people, few enjoy listen-
 ing to it, and also that too many women use
 their husband's name to air their own opin-
 ions. But scholars tell us there are excep-
 tions to all general rules, so it will only prove
 that true if I feel it my duty for once to tell
 how it came about that Lial and I changed
 our minds about the Epworth League.

Well, to begin at the beginning—for I al-
 ways enjoy a story better if I know all the
 particulars—Lial and I have been members
 of the church here in Slowtown a great many
 years, and though I say it as should not, we
 come to be considered the leading members,
 and our opinions are always consulted on all
 important subjects, from purchasing new
 books for the choir to whether the minister
 should come back another year or whether
 we'd better ask for a change—for a younger
 man, a better sermonizer, or one who would
 visit the people more, as the case might be.

We have always been opposed to change
 of any kind, and have endeavored to keep the
 church pure and free from what we call
 worldly amusements. To be sure, some moth-
 ers complained that there were so few attrac-
 tions in the church that their children would
 rather go to one of the other churches, but we
 argued that the apostles did not need socie-
 ties or suppers or whatnots to make the
 church attractive for them, and that there
 must be some fault in the home training or
 children would love the church of their fathers.

We never believed in young people's meet-
 ings. We argued that there must be a wrong
 motive somewhere when young folks wanted
 a meeting by themselves. The church doors
 were open every Sunday and Thursday even-
 ing, and, if they really cared for meetings,
 they would attend those; they knew they
 would be welcome there.

We never had any societies in our church
 —we didn't believe in them. One minister's
 wife tried to start a Woman's Foreign Mis-
 sionary Society, but it did not succeed. We
 argued that if there was any good in it, let
 all have the benefit of it, not just the few who
 cared to join or to pay the dues. Besides,
 the minister always preached a missionary
 sermon once a year and took up a collection,
 and that was all that was necessary.

Still our hearts were sad on account of the
 low spiritual condition of the church and be-
 cause our young people—we had a great many
 —were never seen at the prayer-meet-
 ings, and few, very few, except those who be-
 longed to the choir, were seen at church any
 time.

Two years ago, however, we had a new
 minister—a stranger to us all. He was a
 quiet, modest-looking sort of a man, and
 the first Sabbath he preached we shook our
 heads solemnly at each other and feared Con-
 ference had made a mistake. But the next
 week his wife came, and a brighter, sweeter
 little creature you never saw. The young
 folks all fell in love with her at once, and
 somehow she crept into all our hearts before
 we knew it.

You see, she hadn't been here long when
 Mrs. Wood's Jane was taken sick with the
 scarlet fever, and some of the neighbors were
 so afraid of the disease they never went near;
 but Sister Allen, she said she had been in it
 and wasn't at all afraid of it, so she went and
 just stayed there till Jane died, and then
 helped dress her for the grave with her own
 hands.

Then Miranda Green broke her hip, and as
 she is a fault-finding, cross-grained old
 creature, no one scarcely went near her.
 Of course we knew she had what care she
 needed—her brother's wife saw to that—but
 Sister Allen found out about her, and
 used to run in every day with a flower or
 something dainty to eat, and would read to
 her when she would let her, till we were all
 ashamed of ourselves for not doing our duty
 there too.

As I said, the young folks liked her im-
 mensely, and used to go to meeting just to
 see her. Well, one Sunday morning, a few
 minutes after they came here, Bro. Allen, be-
 fore announcing his text, spoke about the
 Epworth League. He told how it originated
 and what it was doing in other places, and
 ended by appointing a meeting for the next
 Tuesday night, and invited all who were in-
 terested in forming a League here to be present.

I don't think I heard much of the sermon
 that followed, and when meeting was over I
 started directly for the door without speak-
 ing to any one. I met good old Bro. Tenney
 near the door, and we shook hands in silence;
 each knew how the other felt.

Well, Lial and I talked it all over after we
 got home, and we decided that, as they hadn't
 consulted us about it, we would have nothing
 to say about it one way or the other till we
 were officially asked. Of course we didn't go
 near the meeting Tuesday night, and wouldn't
 ask any one what was done there; but Lial
 overheard one of the girls say the next Sun-
 day that they couldn't organize, she supposed,
 unless the church were willing to endorse it.

The next week Sister Allen came to see us.
 We were always glad to see her, but couldn't
 help wondering this time why she came alone.
 She came to the point, though, at once, and
 said she wanted to know what objections we
 had to their forming an Epworth League.

"I don't believe in children's meetings,"
 said I, promptly. "The safest place for the
 lambs of the flock is in the same field with
 the old sheep, in my opinion."

"Certainly," said she. "But I was not
 planning for the children, though I hope they
 can be brought in; but it is the young people
 who will be benefited by an Epworth League
 —young people who are old enough to have
 judgment enough to teach school, be clerks,
 and such like. The older members of the

church will be dropping off by and by, and
 who will take their places but these same
 young people? And they ought to be edu-
 cated in church history, discipline and polity,
 to carry on the work intelligently when their
 fathers and mothers drop it."

"I didn't have any such thing to educate
 me when I was young," spoke up Lial. "I
 don't believe in change anyway. The old-
 fashioned religion was good enough for my
 father and my grandfather, and is good
 enough for me, and it is good enough for the
 young folks of the present day, I reckon."
 I thought Lial had settled the question
 then, and felt proud of him. I thought Sister
 Allen must have thought so too, for she
 changed the subject right away.

"I passed here several times while you
 were having this summer, Bro. Parker," said
 she, "and one day I just stopped in the road
 to watch you at your work. What a quantity
 of machinery you use now in haying!"

"Yes," said Lial, "haying isn't the job it
 used to be when I was a boy."
 "I have seen moving-machines and horse-
 rakes before, of course," went on Sister
 Allen, "but you used another machine I never
 saw till this summer. It was like a horse-
 rake only it seemed covered with pitch-forks
 that went flying round and round, tossing the
 hay into the air till it fell again in a perfect
 shower."

"That was a hay-tender," said Lial, laugh-
 ing at her description of it. "It is a great help,
 I tell you. Hay dries a third faster by using
 that. Why, when I first bought this farm, I
 used to hire in four or five extra hands and
 be sometimes three weeks doing my haying;
 now I only hire one extra hand, and if we
 have good weather intend to get through in
 about a week."

"I wonder that you think it right to use so
 much machinery," said she.

"Ma'am!" said Lial, in astonishment.
 "I wonder that you use machinery to help
 you in your work," she repeated. "You say
 you don't believe in change; I should think
 the way your father and grandfather hayed
 would be good enough for you."

Lial stared at her a moment, then saying
 something about feeding the calves, he took
 his hat and went out, and pretty quick she
 went away too.

"Patty," Lial said to me that night, "I
 have changed my mind about the Epworth
 League. I never saw it till Sister Allen
 opened my eyes today. Times have changed
 since we were young. I tell you, I feel some-
 as David must have felt when he thought
 how he lived in a nice house with every con-
 venience, while the Lord had nothing but a
 cloth tent to dwell in. Here I am willing to
 profit by all the inventions that will benefit
 my farm, but deny the church the same priv-
 ilege. Why shouldn't there be improvements
 there as well as anywhere?"

"Well, Lial," said I, "if you have changed
 your mind, I shan't say anything against it;
 they may have a League here if you all think
 best, but remember I have not changed my
 mind yet. It may be a good thing in some
 places, but not here; our young folks are
 different. They will go to meeting and do
 wonderful things for a time, but it will soon
 be an old story. Just show me some good
 it will do, just one person made any better
 by having an Epworth League here, and I'll
 change my mind too."

So the League was organized, and I used to
 hear that this one had joined and that one had
 joined, and how many there were at the meet-
 ing such a night, and what a good meeting
 they had had another time, but I held firm;
 you can't always tell by first symptoms
 whether you are going to have the small-pox
 or the chicken-pox. "Wait," said I, "till the
 novelty wears off."

Thus matters went on till harvesting came.
 Lial needed extra help, but every one was
 busy, and it was a hard matter to find any one.

"I can have Joe Waters, I suppose," he
 said one day; "but he sweats so, I hate to
 have him around."
 Joe Waters is a fellow whom no one cares
 to have about them much. His father and
 mother died when he was little, and he came
 up, no one knows how. He is not the bright-
 est boy that ever was; he is very good to
 work, but he thinks it mainly and smart to
 swear all the time. No matter where he is,
 in the field or at the table, at a barn-raising
 or at a funeral, about every other word he
 utters is an oath. But the grain was hurting
 and the apples must be picked, and as Lial
 could get no one else, he was obliged to hire
 Joe. The first day he was there, Lial came
 in a little before noon and says he, "I do be-
 lieve Joe is going to die!"

"What is the matter? Where is he?" I
 cried, catching up the camphor-bottle and
 starting toward the door, thinking he was
 hurt or in a fit.
 "Come back here, Patty," laughed Lial.
 "I didn't mean that. What I mean is, he
 hasn't sworn once since he has been here."

"Is that so?" I said, putting the camphor-
 bottle back in its place. "What has got hold
 of him?"

"I don't know, I'm sure," said Lial. "I
 don't believe he can keep from it all day,
 though."

But he did. I watched him closely at meal-
 time, and not an oath did I hear, and Lial
 never heard one in the field. The second
 day, at dinner, I could keep still no longer, so
 I said, "What has come over you, Joe? You
 don't swear as you used to. Has any one
 made you promise to leave off?"

Joe got as red as a beet and fidgeted about
 so that he dropped his knife on the floor.

"It's the Epworth League," he stammered
 at last.

"The Epworth League!" I cried. "What
 has the Epworth League to do with you?"

"You see, Miss Allen she wanted I should
 join the League as associate member. No one
 ever asked me to join anything before, so I
 thought I would, and when I came to sign
 the associate member's pledge, I had to
 promise to keep reverent, you see. I couldn't
 be very reverent and swear too—the two
 things don't go together; so I quit. I'd
 rather give it up, anyhow, than not to go to
 the meetings."

I felt Lial was looking at me, and knew
 just what he was waiting to say, but I didn't
 care. I just said, "Thank the Lord for that!"
 And thank the Lord for the Epworth League
 —now here at Slowtown!

So that is how Lial and I came to change
 our minds.

EVENING AMUSEMENTS.

A BOOK PARTY is one of the latest diversions
 in which I have shared. Each lady is re-
 quested to illustrate, in her costume, some book,
 to carry on the work intelligently when their
 fathers and mothers drop it."

At our party one lady wore about her neck
 bearing the names of President Harrison's cabinet.
 Another wore a dress of orange satin with an unob-
 trusive bow of the same color in her hair. A little
 figure of Cupid fastened upon the dress is perhaps
 harder to guess. Two chests worn upon a neck-
 lace proved suggestive to some minds. I will
 mention only two more books—a card with the letters
 G N I K O L written on it; and a photograph of
 our hostess worn on the neck of a guest.

There were twenty or thirty books represented.
 The work of the gentlemen was to do the guessing,
 and prizes were given to them for proficiency.
 The mystery connected with the lady of the political
 turn of mind proved the easiest to unravel, and I need
 hardly add that she had chosen "Through One Ad-
 ministration." The other books I have alluded to
 were, "A Bow of Orange Ribbon," "The Greatest
 Thing in the World," "Twice Told Tales," "Look-
 ing Backward," and "Our Mutual Friend." Small
 black books were given to every one—the ladies
 keeping the names of the men who guessed what
 they represented, and the men recording their guess-
 es. These were served in the form of books, and
 chocolates in little book-like boxes, so it was quite
 a literary affair.

To those who are ignorant of the game, there is
 one which furnishes much perplexity. We call it
 "New Twenty Questions," and others call it "I."
 One person leaves the room, with the understanding
 that the others are to choose a character for him to
 guess. The company then, seated in a circle, selects
 each his left-hand neighbor to describe. The guesser
 is then summoned, and, after finding out from one
 that the person under consideration is a man, and
 from another that he is in the room, soon feels that
 half his labor is over. Dejected mortal! Our com-
 pany contains men, women and children, and our
 questioner perhaps asks the occupation of the un-
 known. He is told that he is a minister.

As only one question can be asked of each person
 in one round, he asks the next if it is Mr. B—, the
 only clergyman present, and quite elderly—but re-
 ceives a crushing negative. Next he inquires the
 age, and is told "twelve years." Thinking this
 must be a mistake, he repeats his question to the
 next, and finds he is between twenty and thirty. He
 asks another, "Do you say he is a minister?"
 This one says, "Oh, no! a music teacher." Per-
 haps at this point the puzzled guesser accuses the
 company of answering at random, or of not telling
 the truth, but all assure him they are giving correct
 answers, and even that they are describing the same
 person (i. e., the left-hand neighbor). After a while
 he gets a faint clue, and in perhaps helped a little be-
 fore he finally arrives at the solution of the prob-
 lem.

Not every one is familiar with a game of "Charac-
 ters," which we sometimes play. One of the company
 goes out of the room, and the others choose some
 character—preferably one whose name has as many
 letters as there are people playing, though this is not
 essential. Suppose six people are playing and Caesar
 is chosen. One letter is assigned to each person,
 and each then thinks of a character whose name be-
 gins with that letter. One takes Cleopatra, another
 Marc Antony, the next, Mother Eve, and so on. No
 one tells what character he has chosen. The absent
 one is recalled. He is told with what person to be-
 gin, and promptly asks, "Well, who are you?" The
 one questioned says modestly, "I am a man of much
 one questioned says modestly, "I am a man of much
 prominence in the political world. I have held a
 high office, and many wish I might again do so." He
 may be more explicit if he chooses. The questioner
 is allowed one guess, if he cares to make it, and then
 passes on to the next person. This one says, "I
 have been dead many centuries. I once delivered a
 famous funeral oration." The third says, "I had a
 fatal fondness for fruit, and lived to regret it." If
 the guesser does not find out enough in going around
 once, he may make a second tour, asking some
 questions this time. The one from whom the guesser
 secures his clue to the whole word selected, is the
 next to leave the room.

A Conundrum Supper may prove a variety in the
 entertainment line. The menu cards are written in
 such a phrase as to conceal the idea of food. "A
 Group of Islands," "The Woman's Weapon," "Elevated
 Felices," and "The Backbones of History," are not
 difficult to decipher. Others will readily suggest
 themselves. A large salad bowl, containing num-
 bered slips of paper, on each of which is written a
 conundrum, and well garnished with lettuce, should
 have a prominent place. The guests are asked to
 draw a slip and guess the conundrum. The one who
 presides over the salad has, of course, a key to the
 answers. If the supper is given to make money,
 five cents may be charged for each failure in guess-
 ing. — *REBECCA T. DUDLEY, in Advance.*

BITS OF FUN.

— *Driver:* "See that woman wavin' her um-
 brella over there?" *Passenger:* "Yes." *Driver:*
 "What do you 'pose she's doin'?" *Passenger:* "To flit
 with us."

— *Johnny:* "Where are you goin'?" *Tommy:*
 "Home. Don't you hear maw a-callin' me?"
Johnny: "That's right. She called you two or
 three times before." *Tommy:* "Yes, but she's out
 at the peach tree now, cuttin' off an ultimatum."

— "I ought to study photography," mused the
 seaside young man who had proposed again. "I
 really ought. I can develop more negatives in a
 given time than anybody I know of."

— *She:* "My darling, I have a terrible piece of
 news for you. Papa has lost everything." *He* (ris-
 ing to go): "Oh, no, he hasn't. He still has you."

— She was a pretty girl, and she blushed a bit
 as she stepped into the editor's room. "I suppose you
 don't care for poetry here, do you?" she inquired.
 "No," said the editor, diplomatically. "I can't say we
 do." "I guessed as much from the verse you pub-
 lished," she rejoined. And then she was gone.

LEAGUE PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS FOR DECEMBER.

REV. MATTHIAS S. KAUFMAN, A. M.

Dec. 4 — Temperance. "The Law of Christ." 1 Cor. 8: 12.

It is quite apparent that the term "temperance" here is used, not in its ordinary mean-
 ing, but has a specific significance, as clearly
 indicated in the Scripture references. Through a
 few previous verses St. Paul cautions the Corin-
 thians against being too independent in their
 conduct. He shows them that some things might be
 lawful in themselves, and yet may not be wisely in-
 dulgenced in by reason of their evil effect upon
 others less firmly rooted in the faith of Christ. He
 fortifies this caution by two considerations: first,
 it would probably cause weak brethren to stumble;
 and, second, any hurt thus done to them Jesus
 takes as done to Himself. And then, to clinch his
 argument with the force of a personal example, he
 declares: "If meat make my brother to offend, I
 will eat no flesh while the world standeth." Hereby
 we are taught,—

1. To defer to others in matters of mere opinion.
 Not more varied are the leaves of autumn than are
 the individual members of the human family. No
 two of us view truth from exactly the same stand-
 point, or see it in precisely the same light. Hence
 the necessity of kindly compromise, never of estab-

lished principles, but frequently of cherished notions
 and prejudices. Refusing to administer the sacra-
 ment with water-cakes or unleavened bread, Calvin
 was cast out of Geneva. Afterwards, being re-
 stored, he thought it wise to yield this point for the
 good he hoped thus to accomplish. Our own tem-
 perance hosts are united on principles, but fatally
 divided on methods.

2. Due consideration for others is like the storied
 pool of Bethesda, which brings down into our midst
 the Angel of the Covenant to impart a healing vir-
 tue, so that in such ruffled waters many maladies
 may be cured. If wisely applied, it will move the
 strong to use their power in raising up the weak.

3. It enforces the difference between selfish and
 unselfish love. To become absorbed in her own par-
 ticular pleasure is all the bliss known to selfishness.

"But nobler aims true love employ,
 In self-denial is her joy,
 In suffering her repose."

4. To merit God's favor we should hold dear all
 whom Christ has redeemed through His painful
 death. In no wise must we endanger their souls by
 the abuse of our own liberty or strength. Even our
 clearest rights must often be surrendered for the el-
 evation of feeble ones who are evidently struggling to
 do the Master's will.

"If thou wouldst obtain the love
 Of thy gracious God above,
 Then to all His children be
 What thou wouldst they should be to thee."

Dec. 11 — Practical Christianity. "How I may know that I am a Christian." 1 John 5: 6.

What inspiration in the very word Chris-
 tian! The hope it awakens, the joy it kind-
 les, lifts one from the dusty road of ordinary
 travel to a plain of superb loveliness. The Chris-
 tian is purchased and cleansed with divine blood,
 clothed in the beautiful robes of Christ's righte-
 ousness, and adorned with "the pearl of great price."
 His food, heavenly manna; his drink, the water of
 life; and his rest on Jesus' breast. His feet are
 on the immovable rock; beneath him are crowns,
 above him never-ending glory, and golden-winged
 angels await their bidding to seat him by the King
 of kings. And all this received in exchange for
 sin and pollution! How wise such a choice! How
 inestimable such a transaction!

How may I know that I am a Christian?

1. Know it? Through a consciousness of having
 forsaken sin and of having implicit

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Review of the Week.

Tuesday, November 22.

The French will name a successor to the king of Dahomey; the capital, Abomey, captured.

The Panama Canal jobbery before the French Chamber; wild excitement of the deputies; three challenges for duels.

Twenty-five kegs of powder exploded in a coal mine in Colliers, W. Va., killing three miners and seriously injuring eight others.

A great rush of old workmen at Homestead to re-employment.

Powderly re-elected grand master of the K. G. of Labor.

A New York steamship agent pleads guilty to a defalcation of \$40,000.

Anti-race against begun in London.

The National Congress of the Salvation Army convenes in New York.

Wednesday, November 23.

The International Monetary Conference opens at Brussels.

Secretary Foster talks about a possible new loan.

Returning laborers at Homestead find their wages cut down, and must pledge themselves to resign from labor organizations.

Black diphtheria attacks the men in Madawaska (N.S.) lumber camp; six men walk hundreds of miles to escape the contagion.

Four persons killed and three injured in a railway accident in Nebraska.

Emperor William opens the Reichstag with a speech advocating the new military bill.

An investigating committee ordered by the French Chamber in the Panama scandal.

The Salvation Army to have a seven-story barracks in New York city.

Thursday, November 24.

Reported resignation of Sir John Abbott, premier of the Dominion of Canada.

Two little children of this city saved from death by an electric car by means of the fender.

Gladstone yields to the Radicals, and will introduce a reform franchise bill before taking up the Home Rule matter.

A naval reserve torpedo company formed in Newport, R. I.

The wheat crop of Minnesota and the Dakota exceeds all estimates.

A hearing by the board of aldermen of this city on the subject of indentured servants.

The Republican defeat for governor in this State alleged to be due to the casting out of defective ballots.

Capitri replies to Bismarck's insinuations in a speech before the Reichstag.

Panama Canal accused of breach of trust and mismanagement of funds.

Seven native villages on the Solomon Islands shelled and destroyed by a British warship.

Gov. Russell's plurality, by official count, 2,600.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company apply to the court to restrain the Panama Railroad Company from executing a contract with a Chilean steamship line.

Monday, November 28.

Death of Cardinal Lavigerie, the anti-slavery apostle in Africa.

The Baker submarine boat tested in Lake Michigan before the torpedo board of the navy.

Death of Abby Hutchinson Patton, the last survivor but one of the once famous Hattisburgh band of singers.

The supply of natural gas in Ohio falling, in a marked degree.

The Argentine minister of finance unable to resume specie payments; he offers to convert the paper issue at the rate of \$2.50 for one national dollar.

THE CONFERENCE.

(Continued from Page 5.)

from the Deacons Home is to come and work among the people of the parish.

Jamaica Plain. — A most successful social and supper was given last week by the men of the church; 160 persons sat down and partook of Thanksgiving fare. Congregations are growing and the Sunday-school, under the inspiring leadership of its superintendent, Mr. E. I. Drisko, is increasing in attendance and interest.

Bro. B. E. Cox, the Sunday-school evangelist, comes to the aid of the church and pastor this week, and a spirit of prayerful expectation is abroad. The pastor, Rev. James Yarnes, preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the union service held in the Central Congregational church on Thursday morning, to a large congregation, and was requested to prepare the discourse for immediate publication.

Roslindale. — Rev. Merritt C. Beale preached a fine sermon on Thanksgiving day at the union service in the Methodist church, from the text Jer. 7: 28. Six clergymen were present, and a larger congregation than usual on such occasions was in attendance.

St. Andrew's, Jamaica Plain. — Sunday, Nov. 6, was the anniversary of the organization of this church, and was observed with special interest at the communion service, when five or six persons were received on probation. In the evening Dr. Eia preached to a full house. A very pleasant social gathering, with ample refreshments furnished by the Ladies' Society, was held on Monday evening. Addresses by a number of brethren, with singing and social greetings, made up a good and profitable service. Bro. Sharpe, the pastor, has recently been aiding in the material improvements of the church, having raised over \$250, which has been expended in painting and other improvements within and without the building.

North Boston District.

West Somerville, Park Ave. — On Sunday, Nov. 6, the pastor, Rev. John H. Mansfield, received 31 from probation and 9 by letter. Congregations are large, and the church is prosperous.

Charlestown, Trinity. — Rev. E. M. Taylor has been invited back for the fifth year.

Somerville, First Church. — There is a deep spiritual interest at this church. Last Sunday evening there were several adult seekers at the altar. Rev. George Skene, the pastor, is having an excellent closing year of his very successful five years' pastorate.

West Fitchburg. — Nov. 6, 15 persons were received into full connection, and 12 were baptized. Nov. 20, 249 were present at the Sunday-school session. The congregations at the regular preaching services are the largest in the history of the church. Rev. E. P. Telford and wife, now laboring in London, Eng., will hold revival services in this church the two first weeks in January. Rev. Edward Higgins, pastor.

Lynn District.

Waverly. — The annual banquet was held on Nov. 10. There was an open session of the quarterly conference, at which the new presiding elder, Dr. J. O. Knowles, made a most favorable impression.

Lynn. — The presiding elder, Dr. J. O. Knowles, has organized a Swedish church which will occupy the old mission chapel at West Lynn.

East Saugus. — The ladies raised by their fair \$2,100, which with the \$2,000 now in the treasury makes a little over \$4,000. For the desired improvements \$6,000 is required.

St. Paul's, Lynn. — The two weeks of special revival services just closed have resulted in the conversion of about twenty adults and eight or ten children and a general quickening in all branches of church work. The pastor, Rev. L. W. Staples, and his helpers are now pushing a house-to-house visitation of the whole parish. The "Everybody's Service" Sunday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock have been resumed, with encouraging results.

Springfield District.

Chicopee Falls. — Rev. N. B. Fisk is enjoying a profitable year with this charge. The church is spiritual and united; the congregations are large and appreciative; the Sunday-school, the class-meetings and prayer-meetings are well attended and successful. Within six weeks thirty-three have been forward for prayers. Last Sunday morning 26 stood at the altar and were received into the church on probation. On Thanksgiving day Mr. Fisk preached the sermon in the Baptist church. While the pastor was away on his vacation, the quarterly conference voted to advance the salary \$150.

Rev. B. F. Kingsley, of the Holyoke Highlands Church, preached an interesting and instructive sermon at the union Thanksgiving day services held at the First Congregational Church. His text was Eccl. 7: 10: "Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these, for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this."

Rev. C. M. Hall, of Ware, is back again after an enforced vacation of several weeks by reason of sickness. He feels confident that his health is fully restored.

Rev. J. H. Gaylord, supernumerary of the New England Conference, is now living at

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East Longmeadow. — The inside of the Methodist church has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of about \$1,200. The improvements consist of a new metallic ceiling, pulpit and platform, pulpit chairs, altar rail, carpets, cushions, and eight new windows. Trinity Church gave the pulpit, and Mrs. E. G. Washburn gave the chairs. The reopening exercises were held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20. The sermon was preached by Rev. Wallace MacMillen, and an address was made by Rev. D. K. Merrill, who was pastor forty years ago when the society was organized. At the evening service the sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Gaylord, former pastor. He preached from the text, "The Lord added daily to the church such as should be saved." A novel and suggestive part of this service was the dedication of the "altar" by the members of the church, they coming forward for a genuine altar service. Too much praise cannot be given to the pastor, Rev. I. S. Yerks, and to his faithful followers for their energy and self-sacrifice in the accomplishment of this work.

St. Luke's. — The last quarterly conference voted to request the trustees to proceed to secure plans and estimates for the new church. This section of the city is so rapidly growing and the present chapel accommodations are so meagre as to make the speedy building of a new church imperative. Rev. L. H. Dorchester is pastor.

Asbury. — Mr. I. B. Miller, a graduate of the School for Christian Workers of this city, has been secured by the church to serve as "assistant" to the pastor. His present work will be that of canvassing the entire community under the direction of the pastor.

Union Thanksgiving day services were held at the Asbury Church. All the city pastors were present. Rev. W. H. Meredith preached a most excellent sermon from Psalms 100: 4, 5.

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